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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Heads of Academic Departments  
**FROM:** Ms Ellen Tise  
Senior Director: Library and Information Services  
**DATE:** 25 July 2011  
**RE:** **FUNDING OF OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATION**

Dear Colleagues

Stellenbosch University Library and Information Service has, over the last few years, taken the lead in mandating and advocating for open access to scholarly research. We take cognisance of the role that access to scientific knowledge has on the development and competitiveness of the institution, the region and the country.

The Library has organised forums and events to create awareness and stimulate debate around the issue of open access and it played a central role in facilitating the institution signing the Berlin Declaration on Open Access in 2010. It is actively involved in the development of innovative and state-of-the-art systems and platforms, such as SUNScholar and Online Journal Systems (OJS), that showcase, preserve and disseminate the research output of the institution.

Earlier this year the Library applied for and was granted funding from the University's Strategic Fund. The application included funding to support high-level scholarly research and sharing that research with the local and international academic community. A proportion of this funding has been assigned to developing a central Open Access Fund for the institution.

This Open Access Fund will be used to support Stellenbosch University researchers publishing in open access journals. This may include:

- Subsidising author fees for publishing in open access journals.
- Taking institutional memberships with Open Access publishers such as BioMed Central (BMC) and Public Library of Science (PLOS). Institutional membership endorses open access publishing and allows for the subsidising of author fees of Stellenbosch University researchers publishing in these journals.
- Subsidising author fees for publishing in regular journals where an additional fee is required to allow open access to an author's published article.

The Library is currently drafting clear guidelines and policy around how the Open Access Fund will be administered.

In order to apply for funding assistance from the fund a letter of motivation may be sent to the following contact person in the Library.

Renee Reagon  
Director: Technical Services and Electronic Resources Management  
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The letter should include details of the article, journal and publisher concerned, as well as the amount being requested from the fund.

Kindly distribute and communicate this information to all your staff. You may contact Renee Reagon for more information.

Ms Ellen Tise



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cc: Prof. Arnold Van Zyl, Vice-Rector: Research  
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